

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to Claim 21 because of a grammatically incorrect clause “only by” present in the claim.

The Examiner has rejected claims 23 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over U.S. Patent 6067633 to Robbins, et. al. (hereinafter Robbins), in view of Beffa, U.S. Patent 6703573.

The Examiner has rejected claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over U.S. Patent 6067633 to Robbins, et. al. (hereinafter Robbins), in view of Beffa, U.S. Patent 6703573 in further view of U.S. Patent 5,889,679 to Henry, et. al.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 22, 24, 9, 11, 12, 13, 19, and 20 are allowable over the art of record, but are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Amended Claim 21

Applicant requests that the clause “only by” be amended to the intended “only be” to render the claim grammatically correct.

The New Claim

Claim 25 has scope identical to former claim 24, but has been rewritten in independent form.

Conclusions

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the foregoing amendment because it will place the present application into better condition for allowance, and reconsider the amended application in light of the foregoing remarks.

Applicant believes no fees are currently due, however, if any fee is deemed necessary in connection with this Amendment and Response, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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